

September 30, 2015

To Borough Residents,

The Borough of Washington Fire Department has a simple but powerful reminder for all members of our community. When you change your clocks for daylight saving time on Nov. 1, change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 71 percent of smoke alarms which failed to operate had missing, disconnected or dead batteries. The Change Your Clock Change Your Battery® program was developed to help reduce and, ideally, one day, eliminate this issue.

This year the Borough of Washington Fire Prevention Bureau was able to obtain a limited amount of 9 volt batteries from Energizer® and is handing them out to residents. Please stop by the Fire Prevention office.

We hope you'll join our fire department, Energizer® and the International Association of Fire Chiefs in sharing this lifesaving information and help make a difference in our city and across the country.

Sincerely,

David Allin Fire Official Borough of Washington